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The Editors' Cave



Everyone Plays a Part Reconciliation Workshops

Autumn MacDonald

Co-Editor



An exciting process of reconciliation is happening on campus.

Following the recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for post-secondary institutions, the provost approached Augustana's Aboriginal Engagement Committee (AEC) to provide a proposal of how to enact these recommendations with allocated provincial funding.

The AEC and Office of the Dean put forward a co-curricular certificate program; the proposal was approved and the program has 2 years of funding.

Talking with Megan Caldwell, Acting Aboriginal Student Advisor, she emphasized that the formation of the 6 reconciliation workshops was definitely a collective effort between all of the members of the AEC: Dean Allen Berger, Megan Caldwell, Micheal Clermont, Trina Harrison, Sean Moore, Seannah Rose, and Daniel Sims.

"It is a tough act to balance heavy topics that are engaging, informative and meaningful all at the same time."

"The goal of these workshops is to enable students, staff and faculty to begin the process of reconciliation. As a result, we are looking to create change in how people conceive of reconciliation

as well as their role in Canada and in Canada's history. From there we hope to foster physical change," Daniel Sims states.

Considering Augustana's unique community and atmosphere, reconciliation processes could be facilitated much easier and effectively.

Aspects of Augustana are very appealing to holding these workshops: "the strength of Augustana is our small size and interconnectivity. It makes getting people like Allen involved in the workshops much easier as he is not some figure you rarely see in the hallways," says Sims.

Megan agrees, alongside the support and processes of being a part of the University of Alberta, "the innate ability of Augustana is it's size. [Augustana] can reach a more proportional number of the student body."

The workshops have 40 students enrolled, representing almost 5% of the student body.

The first workshop was a tremendous success, Megan noticed a collectively rapt attention of all the participants.

As a participant myself, the conversations and discussions that filled Wakhohotwin Lodge were respectful, insightful and delightfully hopeful.

The first workshop was more information intensive. Megan hopes that the next workshop will include 1 - 1.5 hours of discussion, opening up more opportunities to draw from reactions to the readings and content and provide time to ask questions.

Reconciliation is definitely a

constructed concept, one that is founded on western concepts.

On defining reconciliation, "it all depends on your worldviews," Megan reminds me. "Reconciliation will only work if everyone knows."

Understanding current context, building truth and knowledge and incorporating into our own lives is different for each individual."

Some view decolonization as more important in regards to addressing Indigenous issues while others think reconciliation is fine on its own. It's all about perspective.

What will reconciliation look like after the workshops are done? Megan stops me, "The workshops won't stop, it's an ongoing process!"

The goal of 2017/2018 is to have the 6 workshops planned in advance and to have sign up open during the summer. Additionally, an embedded certification in reconciliation and decolonization will be available in the fall of 2017 that will consist of 6 credits.

In regards to some tangible results of the workshops, Megan wants a critical mass of student participation, aiming for 100% student participation seems unlikely but achievable if built up over time.

As for staff and faculty involvement, "they now have the tools and resources to address Indigenous issues in their course, as they should be."

I wholeheartedly agree, as Canadians, we are all related and connected to Indigenous peoples and thus Indigenous issues.

That's So Mainstream... Labeled a Hipster Before it was Cool

Sammy Lowe

Co-Editor



I'm not going to lie; I've been struggling lately.

Now, I know that we have all been scrambling to get assignments done and trying to stay afloat with

all of our midterms and final projects, and you are all rock stars who are doing an amazing job!

However, I have been dealing with something personal that has been weighing heavily on my mind, and I can't stay silent any longer. Despite what everyone says, I AM NOT A HIPSTER!

For too long have I been mislabeled for my fashion sense, eclectic tastes in music, and my incomparable lack of knowledge of anything related to current pop culture.

Just because I wear denim and

earth tones, prefer the musical stylings of the Andrew Sisters and Fleetwood Mac, and don't know how 21 Pilots would fly a plane at the same time or why the Arcade is on Fire, I shouldn't be classified as a hipster.

In all honesty, I don't even like mason jars, plaid or beards, I only have one record player, and I'm allergic to siracha. See?! There's no way I could be a hipster!

So when you think of me, think "he's dramatic" or "wow, he has great digestive health" or "man, how does he have so many nifty pairs of Toms". Never think of me as a hipster.

Hipsters are WAY too mainstream.

The Killer Clown Phenomenon

Are We Safe?

by YU FEI HUANG



fear of strangers in an increasingly urban and impersonal society.

A lot of the times, there is no evidence of a clown sighting. The famous clown hunt in Penn State University that took place in the early October initiated 6000 students based on the allegation of seeing clowns, the allegation of seeing clowns.

Theatrically, clowns are a character that amuses its audience by making silly mistakes. Think of Mr. Bean, the contemporary example that brings you joy with his foolish behaviours.

However, clowns that adapt sinister characteristics are gaining popularity in mainstream entertainment. Think of the famous clown from It, Joker from Suicide Squad and Batman series, and Twisty, who gives me very bad nightmares about clowns after watching the popular show, American Horror popular show, American Horror Story.

The important message to take with you is this – please dress up as anything but a clown this Halloween. There has been a lot of anxieties and injuries happen during this phenomenon.

Because of the inconvenience this craze has brought to the society, the environment is currently not suitable for clowning around.



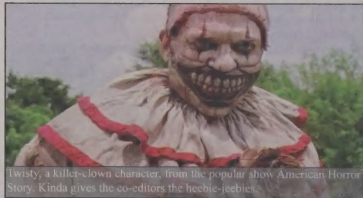
If you haven't heard about the creepy clown epidemic reports, below will give you some insight into the bizarre phenomenon happening in the US, Canada and England.

The first incident of a clown sighting occurred in the US during late August, as police services received reports about a claim of seeing a clown attempt to abduct children into the woods.

Since then, the craze of killer clown sightings spread to Canada through social media, and it has officially reached Alberta in October.

Some dressed up as scary clowns, while carrying weapons and scaring children. Schools were shut down due to threats that were made on social media. Those who made threats or dressed up as clowns were charged for public mischief and terrorist threat charges in the US.

What started all this craze in 2016? Besides having social media as the main pusher for the craze, Robert Bartholomew, a sociologist from New Zealand, hypothesizes the reason for such craze is our



Twisty, a killer-clown character, from the popular show American Horror Story. Kinda gives the co-editors the heebie-jeebies.

Let's Talk About Change, Baby

Advising For You and Me!

by KEN WINDER



The new academic calendar is rolling around and soon we will be knee deep in change, which is awesome and terrifying! All at the same time.

The 3/11 academic calendar consists of one course for three weeks and then 3-4 courses in the following 11 weeks.

The intended purposes of the 3/11 academic calendar are to provide more options for scheduling and to help students with time management.

"The new calendar will introduce greater flexibility and foster the development of new experiential, travel and learning opportunities."

With this changing of the academic calendar, students will still be able to graduate in four years, full time studies still will consist of taking at least 9 credits per term, and the change will not impact the transferability of your courses/credits to other faculties or institutions.

Costs will also remain the same and your transcripts will continue to look the same as they previously did.

As for the courses that will be offered, there will be many to choose from.

The advantage of taking a course in three weeks is that students and professors will have no other course commitments allowing for a more focused approach to the material at hand.

Although there hasn't been any word on whether science courses will be offered during the three-

week course period, I can't imagine why not?

Imagine doing three weeks of continuous labs. It. Will. Be. Awesome! (If you are a nerd like me...)

Upon interviewing other students:

London Redelback, 4th Year, Major: Political Science:

"Honestly, I am nervous about it like every other student I have encountered. At the same time, optimistic about the new academic calendar because taking five or six classes all at once is overwhelming. This new academic calendar will help to significantly reduce stress levels among students in my opinion."

Nnenna Achebe, 2nd Year, Major: Chemistry:

"I don't know how I feel about it to be honest. I hope it doesn't affect my goal of finishing my degree in four years. At the same time, I am happy for the opportunity that it presents for the freedom of travel. Ultimately, it is an unique idea that will eventually be an attraction to Augustana."

For more information on the new academic calendar there is a frequently asked questions page on the Augustana website.

There will also be a student feedback session in the Hachborn Common Room, Lower Level of Founder's Hall on November 25th from 12-1 pm.



Augustana Science Club Presents:

Humans Vs Zombies Information Night

If you like nerf guns, sock bombs, or tag this is the event for you. It's three days of campus wide fun. Not sure what it is? Come find out! Don't know how to play? Come find out!! Played before? Still show up, we have new changes this year. Want to sign up? Great! Show up at the information session!

Additional sign up: On Tuesday October 25th between 1 and 4pm in the forum.

A \$2.00 entry fee will be charged with the proceeds going directly to prizes.

October 24th at 7:00pm in C-167

The games begin on Oct. 26th and the cure will be found on the 28th.
Will you survive?



Community & Sexuality

Welcome to Augustana, Where Everyone Knows Everything About Everybody

by **KEN WINDER**



In the day and age of social networks like Facebook, Tinder, Chilliabot or just being a student on a very small campus, it is vital to remember that our actions impact our community.

Every stranger we smile at, every text sent, every like on Facebook - it all interconnects us and we are all impacted.

It's not enough just to be polite in conversations in person, or pretend we just have #rbl, when in all actuality we were totally glaring at that person. We now have to monitor our behaviours online because they have just as big an impact on the community as our actions do offline.

But I'm not here to lecture you about cyber bullying or all the different ways students can interact. I want to look at the bigger picture; I want to address how we treat each other in every day life.

More specifically I want to address how we treat each other when it comes to sexuality.

Sexuality is constantly scrutinized in our everyday lives and it is essential that we start to change how we address it, especially among our fellow peers.

Many things are continuously scrutinized, like dress, number of romantic partners, or attitude to sexuality. Whether you want to wear a bag over your head, or hardly anything at all, that is your provocative and by all means, be free to do so. When it comes to ro-

-mantic partners, we should have the ability to be with whom we would like to be without having the negative connotations associated with it.

It doesn't matter if you engage in romantic activities with one person, half the student population, or never at all. As long as every encounter you engage in is safe, consensual, and you treat every one of your partners with respect and dignity, it should not be an issue to the public eye.

Another aspect of sexuality that is constantly criticized is how individuals regard their sexuality. To pretend sexuality doesn't exist or keep it on the down low is the societal norm because to be comfortable and open with your body or sexual activity is not received well most of the time.

When it comes to the aforementioned aspects of sexuality, it is utterly essential that we start to change how we regard our peers. For it is not our business what an individual chooses to wear, how they act, or who they choose to sleep with.

If it makes you uncomfortable, then don't focus on it. Don't gossip about it. Don't post it online or talk to your friends about it, because honestly, it doesn't affect us.

What does affect the community is how you choose to regard sexuality.

How you speak about someone and their choices is going to follow that person around for a very long time. It will influence who they befriend, where they can work, and what they can do in general.

Whether it's online or offline, keeping positive energy in your community can do wonders and make Augustana a more inclusive place for all.

The HORROR

by **Jenny Green**



"I cannot do this!" I scream, the blood rushing through my ears. The erratic beating of my heart, usually so calm, so certain, nearly drowns out the hysteria of my sobbing. Thump-thump, thump-thump, thump-thump, thump-thump.

With a violent sweep across the desk, I send the scrolls and books flying, crumbling to the floor with them.

The chill of this October night begins to seep into my bones as I lay here, trembling.

A flash of light outside my window indicates that the storm understands my frustration. The roaring of the heavens reverberates through my core as the gales fight against my windowpane, determined to get in while I am set on getting out.

I crave freedom but I must finish my charge. The consequences of neglecting to pull through are too horrific, too abhorrent to dwell on. I can only imagine the horror of failing this task.

The chiming of the clock brings me to my senses and a sudden streak of anguish courses

Q: Well, why don't you tell us a little bit about your major?

A: "I don't know much about theatre despite being a third generation carni."

Q: Is there anything else you would like to add?

A: "I don't have time for this. My grandma is waiting for me at the Norsemen right now."



Patrick Mate

4th Year (Major in Sports?)
Has Tinder

Q: Are there any pertinent issues plaguing students that you'd like to discuss?

A: "The Coffee in the caf sucks."

Q: How do you feel about the Taylor Swift/Kanye Feud?

A: "Kanye is making it really hard for me to like him as a person. Tay-

through me as I gape at the hands; I've only an hour. Only an hour till midnight.

I must finish what I have begun.

Gradually, the pulsations subdue as does the candlelight before I drag myself to my feet. Muttering oaths, I grapple against the demons determined to stray me from my purpose.

The minutes melt away as I near the completion of the burden I carry. With only the nectar of a scarlet bull to keep me focused, my haggard eyes fall once more on the timekeeper.

There is only a minute. The repercussions for being tardy in this undertaking are unknown, but their mystery is what brings me fear.

Forty-five seconds.
An ending touch to finish my masterpiece...

Thirty seconds.
...and in shaky scrawl, I sign away my soul.

Ten seconds.
I reassure myself of the recipient and send it away.

Now only the arbiter will determine my fate while I can only wish my English paper Godspeed. Perhaps I'll know by Monday if I passed or not.

-lor Swift is also making it hard for me to like her as a person."

Q: Carziest Augustana experience?

A: "When we won provincials two years ago we had a shower party and ended up flooding the caf. We had to pay like 300 dollars in damages."



Lukas Hagstrom

5th Year Psychology Major
Loves Cats

Q: Early winter...thoughts?

A: "It doesn't even count as winter right now. I haven't even worn my winter stuff yet. Except for my toques."

Q: Can you describe a typical school day for you?

A: "I have morning class and afternoon class and I nap in between."

Q: Anything Else?

A: "Because my roof is slanted, a lot of snow melts and accumulates near the ridge just outside my window. Often times during the day I'll hear or see large chunks falling."

Familiar Faces - Student Edition

Get to Know your Augustana Chums

by **CAROLYN VENTER**



Sharnelle Umphrey
3rd Year Drama Major
Dresses like a tomboy

Q: What is your favourite thing about Augustana?

A: "That I'm almost done."

Familiar Faces is a regular piece that features Augustana students this week. We approached Sharnelle Umphrey, Pat Mate and Lukas Hagstrom and asked them their opinions on Augustana, pop culture and more!

Spotlight



Tis' the Season to be Spooky Outstanding Origins of Halloween Habits

by Jenny Green



With Halloween swiftly approaching, customs that have become the norm begin to launch in preparation for this spooky season: the carving of pumpkins, purchasing sweets for trick-or-treaters, and ghouls and/or glamorous costumes are being crafted.

Yet, what are the origins of some of the traditions and superstitions known to us today?

The Black Cat: Ah yes, a true icon for bad luck. During the Middle Ages, many spinsters were deemed followers of witchcraft and executed as a result.

Their pets, often alley cats they cared for, were thought to be their demonic companions and those with sooty coats symbolized additional evil.

Furthermore, it was suspected that witches could shapeshift into black cats.

The Glowing Jack-O'-Lantern:

Originally an Irish custom, pumpkins weren't even used for creating Jack-O'-Lanterns since this beloved bulbous orange fruit (yes, pumpkins are technically a fruit) is native to North America. Turnips, potatoes and beets were used in lieu.

Placing a candle within the carving and setting it outside your house was believed to ward off evil spirits. (a fruit) is native to North America. Turnips, potatoes and beets were used in lieu.

It was believed that placing a candle within the carving and plac-

-ing it outside your house would ward off evil spirits.

Trick-or-Treating: A phrase coined at the end of the Great Depression, the act of going door to door for sweets is based off the Celtic festival Samhain that took place at the end of the harvesting season.

Spirits were believed to roam throughout the night and to turn one away empty-handed would mean ill fate; thus, edible tokens were offered.

The Witch's Broom: Let's return to the Middle Ages, shall we? While suspicions rose about older, single women who enjoyed feline company, the public began to seize the smallest of details to use for prosecution. Among those details were the walking sticks often used for treks in the woods or when these women went about their quotidian business. Brooms were at times substituted and it eventually became a symbol associated with sorcery.

Friday the 13th: Various stories tell of the misfortunes of thirteen guests.

In Norse mythology, twelve gods were dining when Loki, the god of mischief, arrived uninvited. Through the course of the meal, his actions led to the death of the god of joy, and the world mourned.

Yet another tragedy of thirteen is through the biblical story of the Last Supper. Judas Iscariot was considered the unlucky thirteenth member of the group consisting of the twelve apostles and Christ since it was he that betrayed Jesus.

As for Friday, additional Christian influence is one of the factors as to why it is ill regarded despite the lack of calendrical organisation that far in the past.

Many believed that Friday was the day that Adam and Eve bit the Forbidden Fruit and were banned from the Garden of Eden. Friday was also thought to be the day that the forty-day flood began as well as the crucifixion of Christ.

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What Do YOU Think?

by KEN WINDER



Your academic advisors can do more for you than just be an office that you never visit. They can help you add or drop a course, withdraw from a course, and help you with any problems you may have with Bear Tracks and enrollment.

They can also steer you in the right direction for courses that you may want to take in the future, what possible career choices you can pursue with your degree, and how to get there.

Believe it or not, they can even help with the changing of a minor or major, and the changing of your entire program!

There has been some new staff hired and some roles have been shifted. Here they are!

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To book an appointment with your academic advisor, feel free to drop by their office, send them an email, or book an appointment online on the Augustana website. Their drop in hours are Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 AM - Noon and 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

There will also be a student feedback session in the Hachborn Common Room, Lower Level of Founder's Hall on November 25th from 12-1 PM.

This is where students can give feedback about the Learning, Advising, and Beyond office and the new academic advising system!

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Cosmic Corner

You Know What Sucks? (Black Holes)

by CRYSTAL ROSENE



It is a massive undertaking to explain black holes correctly, especially in five hundred words! There is no denying that this is one aspect of the cosmos that nearly everyone is somewhat familiar with, even if it's only due to science fiction. Because black holes are so complex, they become an easy subject from which urban myths spawn. So, consider this article a myth debunker for black holes!

1) Myth: Black holes are wormholes.

The gravitational effects of black holes sharply curve the fabric of spacetime around them, much like a bowling ball depresses a foam mattress. However, the 'well' created by a black hole is infinitely deep, which causes many to think that a black hole could curve around spacetime and lead you to another part of our universe.

This is the idea of a wormhole, but sadly, it is just a myth. The intense gravity of black holes wouldn't allow for wormholes to exist, as they would collapse the instant they form. The only way to travel through a wormhole successfully would be to travel faster than the speed of light, which is not possible.

2) Myth: Black holes roam around space sucking up everything in their paths.

When most people think of black holes, this is what they picture: some massive vacuum cleaner of doom that sucks up everything

around it, and someday Earth will ultimately succumb to this unfortunate end. Wrong.

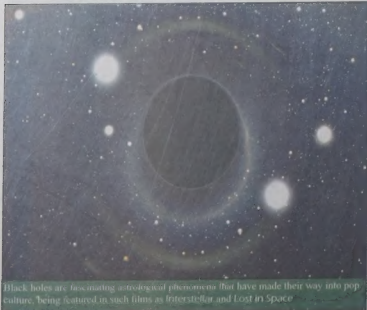
While black holes have immense gravity, they operate in much the same way as regular stars, at least from a distance. Across the event horizon, however, the gravity is so strong that you would need to travel faster than the speed of light to escape, which is impossible. But if a body is far enough away, it would simply orbit the black hole, much as it would another star.

3) Myth: You can see a black hole.

Black holes are aptly named, as they are objects in space from which light cannot escape. As an extremely massive dying star compresses, Einstein's general relativity predicts that the space surrounding the star will curve so much, it will just fold back in on itself. This means that if a photon is travelling outwards from the black hole, it cannot leave; instead, it will end up in orbit. Therefore, nothing can escape as nothing travels faster than light.

4) Myth: Our sun will turn into a black hole.

It's true that black holes are formed from dying stars. But, only select stars have the necessary characteristics for this to happen. Most massive stars end up as white dwarfs, and some that are even more massive may become neutron stars. But occasionally, stars that are larger could be too massive to remain stable as neutron stars, and may then become black holes. But this only occurs in stars about 2 to 3 times the mass of our sun, so we have nothing to worry about.



Black holes are fascinating astronomical phenomena that have made their way into pop culture, being featured in such films as *Interstellar* and *Lost in Space*.



The students and instructors of the 2014-2015 Costa Rica research program in front of the research station, located on the gorgeous Osa Peninsula - Photo courtesy of Evan Whitfield

Research in Paradise!

An Inside Look Into the Costa Rica Field Course

by YU FEI HUANG and SAMMY LOWE

Interested in learning all about tropical ecology? What if I told you Augustana offers a chance for you to do research in Costa Rica?

We interviewed fourth-year biology student, Evan Whitfield, about his experience of the program. It consists of two courses, AUBIO 350 (Conservation Theory and Biodiversity in Tropical Systems) and AUBIO 459 (Field Studies in Tropical Ecology and Conservation). Students are required to take these courses in consecutive semesters.

The program allows students to research about bats, bugs or plants, depending on individual interests.

The first class, AUBIO 350, teaches the process of making experimental design, including research relevant background information and writing a research proposal.

The second class, AUBIO 459, allows you the chance to turn your learning into actions by conducting research over a period of 13 days in Costa Rica. The fun part of the course is "cross-pollination", which means everyone has to help out with each other's projects for a greater breadth of experience.

Evan's project was done on how vegetation affected bats distribution. He sampled his experiment subject from 6 pm to 10 pm approximately.

Every student had different daily schedules for observation; students with plants as subject sample throughout the day while the ones studying bugs had to sample both day and night!

They spent a total of 9 days sampling in Costa Rica, using their research station as a home base.

The research station situated in Osa Peninsula, was around 30-35 °C when they went during February.

For those of you who rely hea-

vily on technologies, there is wifi available in the research station.

The station is equipped with a main kitchen, research shed and sleeping area with bug nets.

While you are in Costa Rica, you get to tour a little bit, too! Evan and his group members spent their first night in San Jose, touring Osa peninsula, waterfall gardens and volcanoes.

Evan particularly enjoyed seeing the cultural difference in Costa Rica. The richness of the culture even fueled his desire to learn new languages.

As Augustana is progressing towards the new academic schedule, Evan said it would be challenging, yet interesting to see how the program will pan out.

He estimates that the traveling part of the program will take place in the 3-week semester. If so, there will be more time to plan for the trip without distractions from other courses.

However, he also argues that the shortened period of time could hinder students' ability to evaluate and reflect on the experience.

This program is about teaching you how to design, undertake and present a research project.

You get the chance to present at SAC, the student academic conference, and show off your wonderful findings.

More importantly, the different learning experience allows the exploration of a new city and cultural diversity.

And hey, you can even enjoy the tropical warmth for two weeks while your friends are complaining about the cold winter in Canada!



Procrastination Station

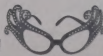
We Basically Go to Greendale

An Original "Ayla's Awesome Cartoon"



Ask Amber

Your Sassy, Satirical Self-Help Guru



Hey Amber,

So I think I really messed up my last date night with my girlfriend. Because of midterms, we haven't been on an official "date" in almost a month. We decided that we should plan a big romantic evening, but I honestly left everything to the last minute and we ended up spending our night at Wendy's. I had the poutine and she had a cry. The thing that really sucks is that it was her birthday the same day! How do I fix this? You are my ONLY HOPE!

Cheers,
Date Hate

Dear Date Hate,

Well, based on this letter I honestly don't think you're old enough to be dating anybody. I mean Wendy's? Really? That's the best you could come up with? I understand that midterms are a stressful time but if you actually care about this person, and their coronary health, you cannot take them to Wendy's.

The only thing you can do to salvage this is get them a big basket full of their favorite things. You know, pictures of cats, loafahs, and signed photographs of Carolyn Venter.

Luckily for you, an even bigger celebration than your significant other's birthday is just around the corner, Halloween. On Halloween make sure you build your significant other a haunted house in their room so that when they wake up they say: "What the hell have you done to my Rick and Morty paraphernalia?" and "I'm breaking up with you."

The next step would be to call all of the other important people in

their life, pretending to be your significant other, and telling them you want to cut them out of your life.

You might be asking yourself, what does this have to do with Halloween? Absolutely nothing. But they are more likely to stay with you if they have no one else in their life, plus pulling this stunt on Halloween allows you to play off your crazy behavior as a ghost possession of the still living Taylor Swift.

If this doesn't fix your relationship with your significant other, you can find refuge in any of the following websites: Amish-On-line-Dating.com, DiaperMates.com, SingleswithFoodAllergies.com or Vampersonals.com.

Dear Amber,

I wanted to write to you because I need some really solid advice. I have been trying to stay on top of my homework, but I am constantly distracted by either alcohol or Netflix. It has even gotten to the point where I have skipped classes to binge watch new shows that they have added.

I can't seem to tear myself away from the rollercoaster that these wonderful dramas give to me. The thrill of the chase and the agony of the heartbreak... it's so much more invigorating than sitting in front of my desk and doing my homework.

Don't get me started on the partying. I say that I party to hang out with friends, but it's really to try and forget the hopeless hell of overdue homework that I've created for myself. I really need some advice.

Sincerely,
The Hopeless Binger

Dear Hopeless Binger,

You have literally described my first two years at Augustana. I think this period of purging is a necessary step in finding yourself. Your lack of motivation is an indication of your lack of interest in your current major.

Ask yourself: If I can't do the homework now, can I really maintain a career in this for the next 40 years?

It's only after you hit rock bottom and fail out of your current major that you will find a major with an easier course load that suits your personality better. Because believe it or not, your addition to Netflix and Parties are a part of your personality.

For years I told myself that I could become a disciplined and highly motivated person, but those were lies. You have to embrace who you really are. Worse case scenario, you fail out of school and you write a super successful 'how to fail' novel.

The key to life is making your shortcomings work for you and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

Dear Amber,

I decided to suck it up and confess to a guy that I really liked him. He didn't say anything; he just looked at me oddly for a few seconds.

Before long, everyone sitting around us in the caf noticed the awkward silence and began staring at me too. One of the caf workers who was sitting nearby started laughing really loud, and the whole time I just wanted to crawl into a hole and chew my own legs off.

How can I save my reputation, and is there any chance that I could still win over my crush? Please help me Amber, I don't want to spend another week hiding in my room and watching a complete season of Two and a Half Men by myself; it's a really bad show and



Charlie Sheen is not my idea of 'winning'.

Sincerely,
Suppertime Sorrows

Dear Suppertime Sorrows,

Wow, it's like I wrote this letter to myself. I can really relate to this situation, not that I would ever be foolish enough to tell my crush how I feel.

I understand that you may have been reading a lot of those "life's too short" posts, and it's one of those things that's easy to say and difficult to do. We are all susceptible to the invisible and crushing superstructure of society that says we can only confess having feelings for someone after casually sleeping with them for two years.

Until we all accept that there will always be lunch ladies judging us, isolating yourself and watching Two and a Half Men is probably the worst thing you can do for yourself right now because it will reinforce the fact that you are weird and weak.

My advice would be to lay low on the social deviance for a while. Wear popular fashion items like t-shirts and those turtleneck crop tops, and talk about how important it is to you to get married, have children, and establish a reliable line of credit.

By doing these things you will save your reputation, as everyone will see that you exemplify values that are shared by the community. In fact, you might even win over your crush this way. Once he sees that you are the steadfast woman capable of bearing his children he is sure to fall for you.

Whatever you do, do not be yourself. At least until this whole thing blows over.

Campus Happenings!

Monday, October 24

Augustana Science Club Presents: Humans Vs. Zombies
Information Night
7:00 pm in C-167

Wednesday, October 26

SCORE! Drop-Off Day
8:00 am - 6:00 pm in the forum

ASA Fall General Meeting
5:30 pm in Wahkohtowin Lodge

Thursday, October 27

SCORE!
1:00 - 4:00 pm in the forum

The Pass System: Free Screening
Panel discussion to follow
6:00 pm @ Jeanne and Peter
Loughheed Performing Arts Centre

Friday, October 28

Sand Dams, Sand dunes and Safari: Experiencing Colour and Its Beauty in Natural Surroundings
Augustana Annual Theme Lunch & Learn with Varghese Manakoor and James Kariuki
12:00 pm in Roger Epp Room
Register @ augalum@ualberta.ca

Women's Basketball vs. KINGS
6:00 pm @ Augustana Gym

Men's Hockey vs. NAIT
7:30 pm @ Encana Arena

Men's Basketball vs. KINGS
8:00 pm @ Augustana Gym

Saturday, October 29

Women's Volleyball vs. KINGS
6:00 pm @ Augustana Gym

Men's Volleyball vs. KINGS
8:00 pm @ Augustana Gym

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Peter and the Wolves After-Life Party
9:30pm @ The Bailey Theatre
\$25 tickets in advance @ Bailey Box
Office or online

Sunday, October 30

A Nightmare on Main Street
3-6pm & 7-10pm @ The Bailey Theatre
\$10 tickets for students @ Bailey Box
Office or online

Terri Clark
8:00pm @ Cargill Theatre
\$57 tickets for students @ camrose-live.ca

Monday, October 31

Augustana Faculty Research Colloquia
12:30pm @ Roger Epp Conference Room

Sex, Lies and the Stake: A Reformation Criminal Investigation
with Geoffrey Dipple

Frank Farley: An Early Environmentalist and Pioneer Ornithologist in Alberta
with Glen Hvenegaard, Jeremy Mouat and Heather Marshall

SA's annual Tricks for Eats
5:30 pm @ Forum

A Nightmare on Main Street
7-10pm @ The Bailey Theatre
\$10 tickets for students @ Bailey Box
Office or online

Tuesday, November 1

ASA and ResLife Presents: Save It or Shave It
November Fundraiser Nov 1 - 26
E-mail asavpstu@ualberta.ca for more information

Wednesday, November 2

Community and Christian Ethics in an Age of Climate Change
A conversation with Dr. Joseph Wiebe
12 - 1:30 pm @ Wahkohtowin Lodge

Friday, November 4

Reconciling Land, Life, and Livelihood
Spirit of the Land Annual Conference
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Register @ spiritoftheland.ca

Saturday, November 5

Reconciling Land, Life, and Livelihood
Spirit of the Land Annual Conference
9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Register @ spiritoftheland.ca

Augustana's Got Talent
Doors Open @ 6:00 pm
Jeanne and Peter Loughheed Centre

Sunday, November 6

Reconciling Land, Life, and Livelihood
Spirit of the Land Workshops
9:00 am - 12:30 pm
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